



ANDREWS INTERNATIONAL **HOLLYWOOD/SUNSET BID PATROL**

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SUMMARY FOR 4-24-17 THROUGH 6-4-17

This report takes us through week 22 of 2017. We continue to struggle with mentally ill and violent people on the streets. Many, but not all are homeless. At this time last year we handled 1617 radio calls in the HBID. So far this year we have handled 1787 which is an increase of 170 over last year's record pace. This too is a challenge as the increased calls takes time away from high visibility patrol and other duties.

EVENTS OF INTEREST:

On 4-24-17, our officers were flagged down by a citizen in the CVS parking lot located at 1747 Cahuenga. There were ten men yelling at each other and it appeared that a fight was about to break out. The group dispersed as our officers pulled into the lot.

The officers then went to a call regarding three people sitting on and blocking the sidewalk at 6654 Hollywood Blvd. There were two men and a woman and they said they just arrived from Chicago. They were given outreach information and asked to cease blocking the sidewalk. They complied.

On 4-25-17, we received a call of a man down at Wilcox and Hollywood. The officers spoke to the man who appeared to be pretending to be asleep. The man suddenly stood in a very aggressive manner and started shouting obscenities at the officers. He started to walk away, but then turned and spat on an officer. Then officers decided to place the man under arrest. He ran out into traffic causing cars to brake sharply to avoid hitting him. The officers ended their pursuit of the suspect due to the safety factors for all concerned. We have seen the man in the area in the past and will no doubt encounter him again.

On 4-27-17, our officers met LAPD officer Ortiz of the HOPE Team. They do homeless outreach, work with sanitation, and write tickets and make arrests when necessary. They come to the Hollywood area once a week. He was interested to know where homeless encampments were located and we agreed to share this information as this would save them time and hopefully help make their efforts more effective.

On 4-30-17, we received a request to assist the LAPD with crowd control due to a large volume of ticket sales at the Pantages Theater. We assisted and there were no incidents.

On 5-3-17, our officer drove by Yucca and Gower. A man was standing on the corner and was shouting profanities at the officers. He then threw a piece of fruit striking our vehicle. The officers attempted speak to the man, but he was so angry that this turned out to be impossible.

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On 5-5-17, our officers went to the bus stop at 6051 Hollywood Blvd. in order to document the electrical outlet there. This had been installed for the convenience of metro riders so they could charge their phones. They learned that the homeless people that camp out at the location every day had installed a power hub so that they could charge multiple cell phones at once. Our officers were able to flag down some city employees working in the area and showed them the outlet. They disconnected the power source.



The officers then responded to a radio call of people selling T-shirts in front of Orient of Hollywood located at 6628 Hollywood Blvd. The owner was upset because he pays \$4000.00 a month while the illegal street vendors pay no rent or taxes. Our officers contacted the sellers who said they have a store downtown. They said they wanted to sell on Hollywood Blvd. as well. They agreed to pack up and leave.

On 5-8-17, our officers saw a large truck pull onto the parking lot of the 711 store located at 1810 Cahuenga. It stopped in the middle of the lot and the rear door was opened. Twenty male Hispanics jumped out, ran into the store and made small purchases. They then ran back to the truck, the door was closed and the truck left the location. Some citizens filmed this incident and said they planned to post it on You Tube.

As of 5-12-17, we continue to have issues with Jonathan. On this date our outreach team reached out to him. He had defecated on himself and feces were all over his legs. He continues his use of drugs and still sleeps on the streets. The officers went and bought baby wipes and paper towels so he could clean up. They also got him some new pants which one of our armed teams delivered to him.

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On 5-12-17, our officer spoke to the security guard at the closed courthouse located at 5925 Hollywood Blvd. The guard gave them a tour of the building and said that the court would be opening in July and would be the Mental Health Court of Los Angeles.

On 5-17-17, we received a call of a man causing a disturbance at the CVS Pharmacy located at 1747 Cahuenga. The man had been trying to break into the bathroom. He was very confrontational with our officers and the employees at the business. When asked to leave he started walking around until he found the manager. He moved very close to him and was very hostile. He knocked over one of our patrol bikes and left the location shouting profanities as he went. The level of hostility on the streets is palpable.

On 5-18-17, our officers were talking with some men at 6745 Hollywood Blvd. who had been blocking the sidewalk when two cars collided. One caught fire. Our officers assisted with traffic control while we called for the LAPD and paramedics. They arrived shortly and we left the scene.

On 5-20-17, our officers found a group of people with a large amount of property and debris on Highland just north of Hollywood Blvd. This has been an on-going problem. Our officers were able to convince the group to clean up their mess and move along.



On 5-20-17, our outreach team made contact with a group of young homeless people at 6777 Hollywood Blvd. This group travels around as a group and simply takes over wherever they come to rest. In the below photo they are seen with their property and debris. Unseen is the dog feces smeared on the sidewalk. Members of the group use names such as Wick, Havoc, Paul, Damian, Boom box, Trippy, etc. Our team offered assistance in getting them off the street, but they are not interested. We are struggling to find a solution to this problem.

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Our officers then found this open air living room set up at 1641 Ivar. Street Plus could not handle this large load so we called the city. Sadly, they said they could not come until next Friday which is almost a full week away.



On 5-29-17, we received a call of a disturbance at Cabo Cantina located at 6669 Hollywood Blvd. A man made unwanted advances and put his hands on a woman. She responded by hitting him on the head with a bottle of liquor. She left the scene prior to our arrival. The man did not want medical attention or the LAPD so we escorted him out and sent him to a local coffee shop to calm down.

On the same date we received a call at Milk and Honey located at 1716 Highland. Store owner Steven wanted to wash the sidewalk in front of his business, but 2 homeless people were camped out there. Our officers convinced the people to move and the sidewalk was cleaned. This is a pretty common call for us.

On 5-30-17, our officers found a group camped out on the sidewalk at 6705 Hollywood. They even had a full size mattress. The officers convinced them to take the mattress and move on thus clearing the way for pedestrians.



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On 6-1-17, our officers were stopped at a red light at Hollywood and Highland when a man on a bike with a pit bull balanced on the handle bars pulled in front of their vehicle. He pointed to the officers and said "F ___ You". He then rode off.

At about 2:54 P.M., our officers responded to a call of a man causing a disturbance at the Chinese Theater located at 6925 Hollywood Blvd. This man matched the clothing and physical description of the man on the bike. He also had a pit bull with him. It seemed very likely that this was the same man. Employees said the man entered the theater with his dog and he had no ticket. When confronted he became belligerent with the staff, but he finally left. He was gone by the time our officers arrived. People on the street said that the man had been running up to tourists and threatening them with his dog.

The officers then saw LAPD officers responding code three to the Ghirardelli's. They then learned that the dog belonging to the man causing multiple disturbances had been shot. We were told that the dog attacked someone at the location.

On 6-4-17, our officers saw a man standing in the number one lane in the 6700 block of Hollywood Blvd. He was wearing shorts and was bare footed. He was sweating profusely. He was incoherent and would not respond to the officers. LAPD officers arrived as they had received calls about the man. When they tried to speak to him he ran down the street. He was captured and taken to the hospital.

MEETINGS ATTENDED:

- 1) 4-26-17 LAPD Crime Control
- 2) 4-26-17 Homeless Outreach Team
- 3) 4-27-17 The Source Outreach (3 hours)
- 4) 4-28-17 Housing Works
- 5) 4-28-17 The Center Woman's Day
- 6) 5-2-17 Hollywood Forward Outreach
- 7) 5-3-17 LAPD Crime Control
- 8) 5-3-17 Emergency Shelter Issues
- 9) 5-4-17 Starbucks Security Issues
- 10) 5-4-17 H+H Retail
- 11) 5-5-17 First Friday
- 12) 5-5-17 LAPD Conference Call
- 13) 5-5-17 Leland Neighborhood Security Issues
- 14) 5-9-17 SBID Board
- 15) 5-10-17 BID Joint Security
- 16) 5-10-17 LAPD Crime Control
- 17) 5-11-17 H+H Retail
- 18) 5-15-17 Conference Call Street Plus
- 19) 5-15-17 Client Report Issues (Logs)
- 20) 5-16-17 Hollywood Blvd. Walk
- 21) 5-17-17 LAPD Crime Control
- 22) 5-18-17 HBID Board



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- 23) 5-18-17 H+H Retail
- 24) 5-19-17 W Hotel Security Issues
- 25) 5-23-17 1700 Block Highland Security Issues
- 26) 5-24-17 LAPD Crime Control
- 27) 5-25-17 H+H Retail
- 28) 6-2-17 First Friday

OUTREACH:

On 4-25-17, our outreach team started a foot patrol at 6777 Hollywood Blvd, and walked to Hollywood and Vine, then to Santa Monica. They came back to the BID office by way of Sunset and Highland. They stopped and spoke with approximately 12-15 separate individuals. Some very receptive to information on services, some adamantly opposed to services, and some that we will contact again. They distributed a few homeless service flyers, and reminded folks about the United Methodist and Salvation Army feedings today.

As they walked down Vine, they made contact with "McIntyre" (M/B/A, 60+ years) who was sleeping on a bus bench. They asked about his welfare. He is originally from Georgia, and was recently put in touch with his daughter. He offered us no information as to the outcome, but stated he is doing "okay".

The team then observed an encampment on Vine and Lexington on the sidewalk between Dollar Tree and Taco Bell) and went over to investigate. They made contact with "Monica" (F/B/A, 63 years old), who stated she has only been in Hollywood a few days. She was dressed very nice, and had a lot to say. The team spent quite a while speaking to her. Her needs are legal services, food, and shelter. They invited her to visit The Center on Friday for Woman's Day, and then to stick around for case management and legal services. She thanked the team as they left and promised to try and make it to Woman's Day.

Our outreach team is contacting many homeless people many of whom were sleeping on the sidewalks. The team is out on the streets from Tuesday through Saturday. They represent the BID at numerous outreach meetings. They have begun to make a great many in depth contacts with homeless people and we are gaining new insights into the chronic problems we face in the area. I would say that this new team has been quite successful to date.





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Encampment on Lexington

Monica

On 4-26-17, our officers found a man named Alfred lying face down on the sidewalk at 7050 Hawthorn. He said that he could not get up. We called paramedics who responded and treated him at the scene.

On 4-27-17, we took a load of donated clothing for the homeless to the United Methodist Church, and My Friend's Place.

The team then headed for the "Source" meeting at the Durant Library. A group of outreach providers assemble there every third Thursday to provide services to the homeless. Our team ran into the homeless 68 year old Alfred while on the way to the location. They convinced him to accompany them. They were able to get him a Tap card through the MTA, a free waiver for an ID card from the DPSS and a CES assessment from Devin of the Center. This could lead to housing for James.



On 5-9-17, our outreach team spoke to the 48 year old homeless Tom at Selma Park. He said he was addicted to heroin, but is now using meth. He cried as he described his life. He was very hungry so the team took him to Delicious Pizza located at 6601 Sunset Blvd. and bought him a slice. This was a rapport building exercise and we are hopeful that we can guide Tom into rehab and housing and off our streets and park.

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On 5-13-17, our officers found a woman down at Hollywood and Las Palmas. It turned out that she had sprained her ankle. The officers stayed with her until a friend arrived to pick her up.

On 5-14-17, we responded to a call of a man in a tent lighting a fire near the Baja Beach Bar located at 6613 Hollywood Blvd. The smoke was blowing into the business. He has been causing a major problem and we have received numerous calls regarding his behavior. He was convinced to put out his fire, take down his tent and leave the location.

The officers then saw another man fanning the flames of another fire in the alcove of 6623 Hollywood Blvd. The officers ordered him to stop. He then stomped on the fire putting it out. He then ran from the scene.

Five minutes later, the officers saw that Will was back at 6613 Hollywood Blvd. He had a handful of burning sage. He was ordered to put out the fire and he complied.

On 5-15-17, we responded to a call of a man causing a disturbance at the CVS Pharmacy located at 1747 Cahuenga. The man was a male white named James. He had been shouting obscenities at employees and customers. The officers warned that he could be arrested for trespass. James became very polite and left the scene.

On 5-16-17, our officers stopped by the Salvation Army and spoke to the guard Cisco. He said that they were feeding 100 to 140 people each night at their food line. He said there were few problems, but the increase in tents on Carlos was of some concern.

On 5-16-16 at 1:30 P.M., we received a call of a woman threatening patrons at the Starbucks located at 6933 Hollywood Blvd. She was clearly mentally ill. She was escorted out of the business.

At 6:20 P.M., we responded to a call at the Starbucks located at 6290 Hollywood Blvd. It was the same woman from the above described call. She was threatening staff and customers. Our officers escorted her out and she left the area.



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On 5-20-17, our outreach team spoke to 60 year old Cathy at 6777 Hollywood Blvd. She was with her 9 year old granddaughter Letty. Cathy said she usually sleeps in MacArthur Park with her daughter (Letty's mother). She claimed that Letty stays with others, but that seems doubtful. Our team offered outreach referrals.



On 5-24-17, our outreach team spoke to the homeless Deborah at 1341 Sunset. She was sitting on the sidewalk with a large amount of property and debris. The team established a good rapport and convinced her that she should put her property in a storage unit. They took her to a facility on Santa Monica and she liked it. One of our armed officers volunteered to use his personal truck to transport her property to the storage unit. The team will continue to work with Deborah.



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ENFORCEMENT:

In the Hollywood BID we have made a total of 67 arrests. Two were for drinking in public, 40 for alcohol referrals, 11 for trespass, 4 for battery, 1 for blocking the sidewalk, 4 for theft, 2 for miscellaneous misdemeanor, and 3 felonies. We also made 239 homeless referrals, assisted 45 agencies, provided 335 foot beat patrols for a total of 382.6 hours, assisted 4267 citizens, handled 1787 radio calls for service and made 2176 business contacts.

NOTED ARRESTS:

On 5-8-17, we found a man lying on the sidewalk at 6508 Hollywood Blvd. It was a man named Irnan and he has been very hostile and has spit on our officers in the past. Two mounted LAPD officers rode up and offered to help. They cited Irnan for blocking the sidewalk and he then left the area.

On 5-25-17, we responded to a call of a theft suspect at 1725 Hudson (Black Rabbit Rose). Upon arrival we learned that suspect Matthew had entered the closed business and tried to steal alcohol. He kicked in a door to gain entry. When confronted by an employee, the suspect hit him in the head with a computer hard drive. He then spit on the employee and tried to flee the scene. He tried to escape through the east side door, but was blocked by our officers.

They convinced him to surrender and they took him into custody. The victim was bleeding from the head and there was a lump there. We placed the suspect under arrest for robbery and turned him over to the LAPD when they arrived at the scene. The suspect claimed to be HIV positive which made his spitting to be of increased concern.



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On 5-26-17, we were at 6777 Hollywood Blvd. attempting to get a group of trespassers to leave. This location has been a major problem generating numerous complaints. The subjects seemed to be complying with our request to leave. Christian then started to return moving his property back and was blocking the sidewalk. After numerous warnings our officers told him he was being placed under arrest. He resisted the arrest, but was overpowered and handcuffed. There were no injuries.

On 5-28-17, we responded to a call of a trespasser at the Kabuki restaurant located at 1545 Vine. We learned that suspect Maya had entered the employee's only area and started drinking alcohol stored there. She absolutely refused to leave and we placed her under arrest for trespass.

On 6-3-17, our officers responded to a call of a woman blocking the doorway of the Yucca Market located at 1815 Cahuenga. When the officers arrived the owner met them outside. He told them that a man in the store had hidden two bottles of alcohol in a bag.

The man (Justin) bought an item and then left the store without paying for the alcohol. The officers stopped Justin as he had just stolen the items. He said that he would pay for them, but he only had three dollars. Justin was placed under arrest and the LAPD was called.

When they arrived, they checked his backpack and found additional bottles of alcohol with security caps still on them. There were also shirts with tags on them. Justin had no receipts for the items.



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DEPLOYMENT:

During this period we worked from 6:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Monday through Saturday and 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. on Sunday. This included officers in vehicles, bicycles, T3's and on foot.

TRAINING UPDATE:

During this period out officers received training in personnel protective equipment, Tasers, spit guards, defensive tactics, knife attacks, terrorism issues, and legal update.